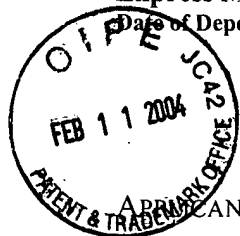


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Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE is being filed in response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 22) mailed on August 11, 2003 in the above-identified application. The additional elements required for the RCE are listed below:

1. Response and Amendment to August 11, 2003 final Office Action (9 pgs.)
2. Check No. 18056 in the amount of \$385.00;
3. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg.)
4. Check No. 18055 in the amount of \$475.00;
5. Declaration of Prior Invention Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 (7 pgs.) in 3 counterparts with attached Tabs A, B and C – Total pages including Tabs: 44 pgs;
6. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301B. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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